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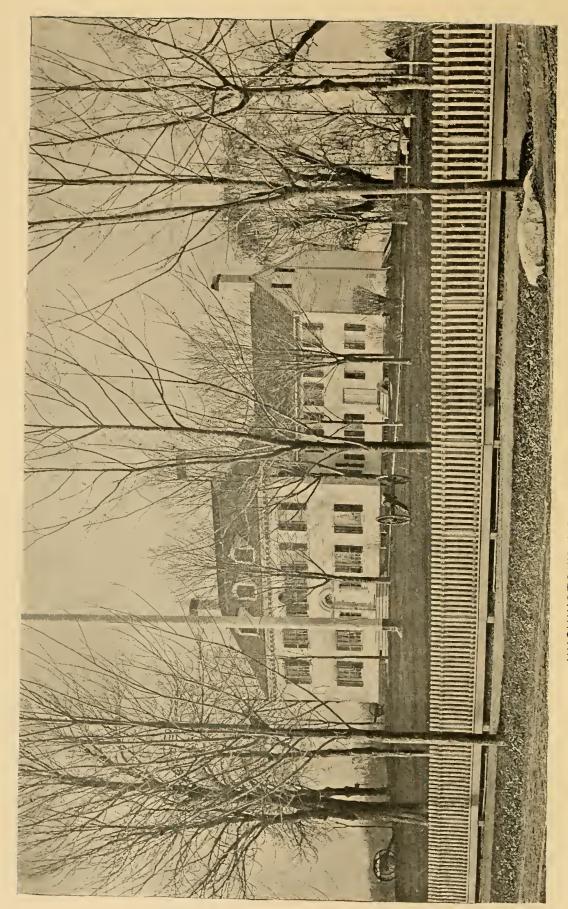












WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS, MORRISTOWN, N. J.

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SECRETARY,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.



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## HISTORY OF THE WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY.

THE Washington Association had its origin in the thought of a few public-spirited and patriotic individuals to whom it occurred that a house which had been the Headquarters of Washington during one of the most trying periods of the Revolutionary War, and around which all the historic associations of three years' encampment of the patriotic army had gathered, should be preserved in its integrity and be maintained through future generations as a memorial of the Father of his Country, and of the heroism and fortitude of the officers and enlisted men who here, in Morristown, withstood the severe hardships and sufferings of the winters of 1777, 1779-80, and 1780-81.

After the death of the Hon. Henry A. Ford in 1872, his heirs at law, for the purpose of settling or partitioning his estate, caused this, his homestead, and the adjoining lands, to be surveyed and divided into plots, and advertised the whole for sale at public vendue, on the 25th day

of June, 1873. The sale attracted the attention of Governor Theodore F. Randolph, Hon. George A. Halsey, General N. N. Halsted, and William V. V. Lidgerwood, Esq. Without preconcert these gentlemen attended the sale, but before the property was offered, the three first named had agreed to purchase the Headquarters and the plot on which it stood, and offer it to the State to be preserved as "a historic place." In the bidding, Mr. Lidgerwood alone competed with them, and had bid it up to \$24,100, when Governor Randolph made public announcement of the intention of himself and his friends. and their willingness to give \$25,000 for the property, and offer it to the State at cost, or make such other disposition of it as would effect their purpose. Mr. Lidgerwood stated that his object in bidding was precisely similar to that of the others, and expressed his willingness to be a fourth to carry out the Governor's plan. The property was at once struck off to the four gentlemen, who paid then, or soon after, thirty per cent. of the purchase-money, and deeds were executed to them dated July 31, 1873, for the house and lot on which it stood, being about 253 feet front, and about 545 feet deep, and containing a little over three acres. The deeds were at first held not to convey a complete title, and afterward, doubts having arisen as to the constitutionality of that part of the charter granting State aid, as is hereafter stated, their delivery was further delayed so that, though possession was taken at once, the deeds were not recorded until July 3, 1877, when a deed from the four original grantees to the Association, dated May 1, 1877, was also executed and recorded. They may be found in Book S, 9, of deeds for Morris County, pages 566 to 574. A confirmatory deed signed by all the heirs of Henry A. Ford to the Association dated, June 29, 1877, was recorded July 23. 1877, in Book X, 10, of deeds, pages 401 etc. With the real estate was transferred the furniture of Washing-



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ton's room, which had been carefully preserved since its occupancy by him by the Ford family.

Having secured the property, the next step was to form an organization to carry out the design of the purchasers. At the next meeting of the Legislature a charter was applied for and obtained, which gave the Association perpetuity and secured it State aid for its proper maintenance and support.

In accordance with the fifth section of this act of incorporation a meeting of the incorporators was held at the Headquarters May 5, 1874, when the following persons were elected as the first Board of Trustees:

THEODORE F. RANDOLPH				. [	Morristown.
GEORGE A. HALSEY					Newark.
N. NORRIS HALSTED .				. ]	Newark.
WM. VAN VLECK LIDGER	RW	OC	D	. ]	Morristown.
CORTLANDT PARKER					Newark.
GEORGE H. DANFORTH.			٠		Madison.
FRANCIS S. LATHROP	٠				Madison.
WM. L. KING					Morristown.
CHARLES S. OLDEN					

The Trustees so elected at once met and organized by the election of the following officers:

THEODORE F. RANDOLPH.	President.
N. Norris Halsted	1st Vice-President.
GEORGE A. HALSEY	2d Vice-President.
GEORGE H. DANFORTH .	Secretary.
WM. VAN VLECK LIDGERW	OOD Treasurer.

The Trustees adopted for the government of the Association on the fifth day of July, 1875, the by-laws still in force.

The following gentlemen were appointed members of the Executive Committee provided for in the by-laws:

WM. VAN VLECK LIDGERWOOD, HENRY W. MILLER,
GEN. FITZ JOHN PORTER, AUG. W. CUTLER,
WILLIAM L. KING, WILLIAM J. SEWELL,
HAMPTON O. MARSH.

The Association was now fairly launched, and soon about seventy members were enrolled, whose subscriptions and donations were, however, taken up in meeting the payments on the property and in placing the building in proper repair and the grounds in order. Cannon were loaned by the State to ornament the grounds; relics of the Revolutionary period were solicited and bestowed, and flags purchased, that the national colors might be displayed from sunrise to sunset each day.

On Monday, the fifth day of July, 1875, a large public meeting in honor of the Anniversary of American Independence was held at the Headquarters, at which President Randolph made an eloquent address, from which we quote, as finely descriptive of the house and its surroundings, the following passages:

All that is classically beautiful in nature lies around us, beneath us, beyond us. From the crest of neighboring hills we may look away to where the half-frozen troops of the decimated Army of the Revolution turned the fast-setting tide of defeat to insured success on the fields of Trenton and of Princeton, to where the sultry summer sun worked more defeat on Monmouth's field than British guns could do. And almost at our feet, as we glance down the slope of Long Hill, near by, we have old Springfield—the battle of all others north Jerseymen fought and won on their own hook.

Beautiful as is all the land that lies along and amid the lovely mountain range, beginning with New York's Adirondack hills, and sinking away on the plains of Georgia, baring its eastern slopes to the fresh rays of each morning sun, and catching on countless peaks the lingering light of passing days,—beautiful as this lovely stretch of Ameri-



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can scenery is, no part of it all rivals in restful peacefulness and beauty these old hills of Morris — now ours to possess, once contended for by a struggling nation's force.

Morris County is peculiarly rich in Revolutionary reminiscences. During two winters, Washington established his headquarters at this town. The place where the younger Ford built the powder-mill, the site of the old magazine, the Arnold Tavern, the Knox Headquarters, the camps on the Wicke farm, the Lowantica hospitals, and the sacred little "God's Acre," are all here about us. But peerless among them all stands these old Headquarters within which lived the great commander.

The disasters of 1776 terminated in the retreat of Washington beyond the Delaware. To the old soldier, this march, through half-frozen mud, so terrible to endure, was known as the "Mud Rounds." Only about 4000 men followed Washington at this period. Deep gloom had fallen upon the country, but joy sprung to every patriot heart as the brilliant victories of Trenton and of Princeton closed the year of 1776 and opened that of 1777. In January, 1777, soon after the victories at Trenton and at Princeton, Washington established his head-quarters at Morristown—at the Arnold Tavern. During this winter he made the acquaintance of the family of Col. Jacob Ford, Jr., the builder and owner of this house, since made famous by its illustrious occupancy.

The powder-mill, which Col. Ford built at his own cost, not only furnished good powder and in needful quantities, but became the frequent object of the enemy's plans to attack and destroy. In this they never succeeded. The powder-mill stood on yonder Whippany River, and not far below where we stand.

This house had its foundations laid in 1772, and was ready for occupancy and was occupied by Col. Ford's family in 1774. They builded well. Sledge, and hammer, and trowel shaped and placed these broad foundations before England's king had ceased to rule the land. Ax and adze hewed out girder and beam from massive oak that to-day defies the full century gone past.

The oaken planks that make these outer walls, calked like the frame of a great frigate, are as sound to-day as when they sheltered Washington from the storms of the terrible winter of 1779-80. The carved work about these doors and on these beautiful cornices are rare specimens of elegance in wood-work. It would be difficult to excel their chaste design to-day.

Those who builded have gone. Not one of all that busy throng that laid the base-stone or capped the roof-girder are in life to-day. But they builded well.

The same oaken doors open to you as they did to Washington; the massive knocker his hand was wont to touch yet waits obedient to your wish. The floors he trod in anxious thought and with wearied brain, you may tread. The century has wrought no change in rafter or beam, or floor, or sheltering oak. Is there no significance in the remarkable preservation of this house?

This dwelling was for many months the home of Martha, the wife of George Washington. Within these rooms, with quiet dignity and grace, she received her husband's guests. Never idle, she set a

constant example of thrift and industry.

Under this roof have been gathered more characters known to the military history of our Revolution than under any other roof in America. This fact is not generally known to our own people, and consequently the rich historic value of our old Headquarters has never

been properly appreciated.

Here the elegant and brilliant Alexander Hamilton lived during the long winter of 1779, and here he met and courted the lady he afterwards married — the daughter of General Schuyler. Here, too, was Greene — splendid fighting Quaker as he was — and the great artillery officer, Knox, the stern Steuben, the polished Kosciusko, the brave Schuyler, gallant Light-horse Harry Lee, old Israel Putnam, "Mad Anthony" Wayne, and, last to be named of all, that brave soldier, but rank traitor — Benedict Arnold.

Here, too, from time to time, gathered prominent members of the

Continental Congress.

The furniture used by these soldiers and statesmen is here in part to-day. The dressing bureau, chairs, tables, and stands have been preserved through all these years and kept within these walls. The small stand or table upon which Washington wrote his despatches, and upon which the ink-stains he made still remain, is ours to-day. The curious old secretary he used, with its hidden drawers and quaint workmanship, stands here now as it did then. The mirrors used by General and Lady Washington you may see your faces reflected in. The old camp chest, heavy and solid, is yet good for a long campaign.

In front of this house, in yonder meadow, somewhat protected from the rigor of the northern winds, lay encamped Washington's body-guard—originally a selected troop of about one hundred Virginians—afterward increased somewhat in number. Day and night they kept watch and guard over these Headquarters, and the precious lives they guarded rested secure under their unceasing

vigilance.

I should not close without expressing the obligation of the Associa-

tion to the ladies of the county for the recent helpful entertainment given by them at these Headquarters.

A more interesting collection of Revolutionary and ante-Revolutionary relics has not been had in this State for scores of years - if ever. The Association is also under obligation to many citizens of our State, and especially to those of this county, for valuable contributions of articles of interest to the Society and to the public. We hope, in time, to gather within these appropriate walls so large and interesting a museum of articles connected with the early Revolutionary and other history of the colonies of "East and West Jersey," and of the State, that this old mansion will become a "Mecca," toward which all patriotic Jerseymen will from time to time turn their steps, finding in time of peace a grateful repose from life's turmoil, and in times of danger to the country's peace or welfare obtain, as from a pure fountain, inspiration to patriotic purpose. I feel sure that every purpose born of Revolutionary association will have the tempered zeal which ever characterized the acts of the great Patriot whose name has rendered this house immortal.

The Constitutional Amendments (Section 20, Article 1) approved by the people of New Jersey in 1875 caused doubts to arise in the minds of some of the State officers whether the State Treasurer could lawfully continue the payment of the State's semi-annual subscription to the Association as directed by the act of incorporation. The payments were stopped, and for nearly two years the Headquarters was cared for by the subscriptions of the stockholders. An application was made to the courts, and after long continued litigation the appropriation was declared by the Supreme Court clearly within the Constitution, and the Association received the money which had been so long withheld, and has continued to receive the semi-annual State appropriation ever since. This litigation had stood in the way not only of increased membership, but of the transfer of the title of the property to the Association. The doubt as to the validity of the charter being removed, the deeds to the original purchasers were at once put on record, and conveyance made to the Association as stated above. At this time there had been \$15,000 paid on the purchase-money, and a mortgage of \$10,000 was assumed by the Association.

At a trustee meeting held April 12, 1877, the selection of a proper seal was left to the Executive Committee. They discovered in the possession of an engraver in Newark a medal, the origin of which was unknown, which had upon it a likeness of Washington of the proper size, and which bears a strong resemblance to the Houdon statue. The committee, using this as a central figure, devised and recommended the seal which was adopted by the trustees, and is the one impressed on the certificate of membership.

In 1882 it was found desirable to buy additional land, to prevent the possible erection of nuisances too near the main building, and give room for necessary outbuildings, and a lot 80 feet front, and running back 275 feet, was purchased at a cost of \$3200. The deed for this lot is dated October 28, 1882, and recorded December 9, 1882, in Book X, 10, of deeds for Morris County, pages 401, etc.

On the 7th day of November, 1883, the sudden death of President Randolph startled the community, and took from the Association its most zealous, liberal, and able head. The Association united with other public bodies of which the deceased was a member, in the passage of appropriate resolutions, and in attending his obsequies. Hon. George A. Halsey was chosen at the next meeting to fill the position of President, and he continued to act until June 29, 1887, when he withdrew, and Jonathan W. Roberts was elected, who has filled that office since.

In December, 1883, it was found that there had been eighty-nine persons enrolled as members of the Association, and the capital stock contributed by them aggregated \$16,700. In the two years from June, 1884, to June, 1886, invitations were extended to gentlemen throughout the State to join the Association, and the membership was more than doubled. The debt had been reduced



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from \$15,000 to \$3000. It was entirely paid the next year. A janitor's cottage had been built so that the whole of the main building could be used for the exhibits and the general purposes of the Association. The old kitchen had been restored, and above it a hall had been fitted up for the meetings of the members. The grounds had been wholly rearranged and regraded. In the rear of the building a level grass-plot had been formed whereon to pitch the fifty-foot square tent, purchased for use at the annual meetings, and adjoining that, a flower-garden had been made and stocked with plants of the olden time. The mansion had been carefully gone over and put in complete repair. All the outside and most of the inside had been repainted. The upper hall had been changed to an armory, and large additions made to the collection of arms, historical documents, and other valuable relics.

This growth in membership, in value of its property, and in the interest of the public has continued since that time. The original membership roll now numbers 281, and the capital stock actually issued amounts to \$36,500. Of these twenty-three shares have escheated to the State, and forty-nine shares have passed by succession to the descendants of the original subscribers.

The balance sheet of the Treasurer on the 30th day of December, 1890, was as follows:

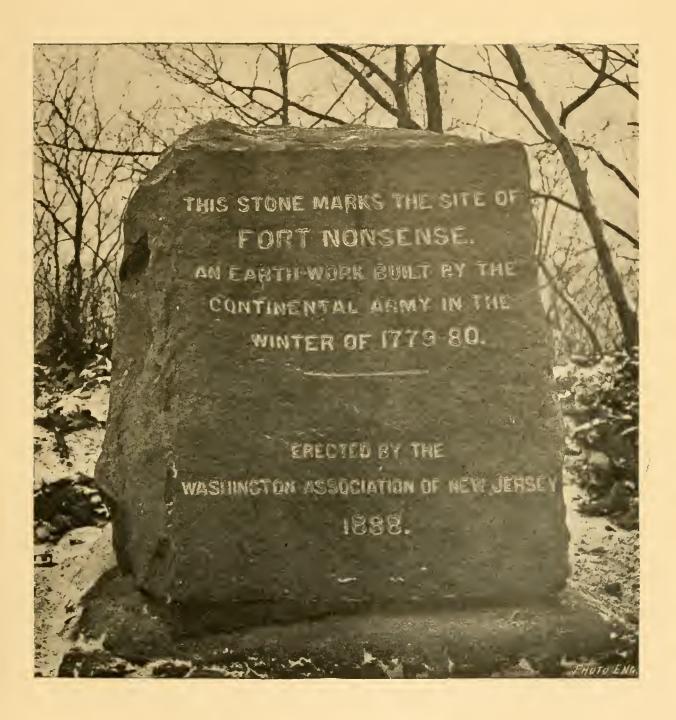
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Over eighty per cent. of the increased membership subsequent to 1884, together with the removal of the debt,

and the restoration and improvement of the property, is due to the personal efforts of Jonathan W. Roberts, who since the time of his first connection with the Association in 1884 has given it his constant and unwearied attention. The increase and formation of the various collections of relics, together with the arrangement of the exhibits in the house, have all been done under his personal superintendence, and in many cases by his own hands.

In May, 1884, occurred the death of General N. N. Halsted, one of the four originators of the organization. His death was felt to be a great loss to the society. His generosity, genial temperament, and good judgment made him a valuable and popular officer. A special meeting of the trustees was held May 10, 1884, at which suitable resolutions were adopted, and it was resolved to attend his funeral services in a body.

The marking of the site of Fort Nonsense, on the hill overlooking Morristown from the west, was accomplished in a most satisfactory and agreeable manner on April 27, 1888. The stone, which marks the site, is a roughhewn block of Waterloo granite, bearing the inscription: "This stone marks the site of Fort Nonsense, an earthwork built by the Continental Army, in the winter of 1779-80. Erected by the Washington Association of New Jersey, 1888." It was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies, including an oration by Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., and it is a very interesting proof of the patriotic sentiment of our American people, to be able to state that, from the firm who quarried the stone, to the men who inscribed it, and hauled it, and set in position, each and every man who had anything to do with the completion of the stone declined to receive any compensation for the services rendered. And it was not the Association alone who on the day of the unveiling endeavored to do honor to the deeds of the soldiers of the Revolution. A parade, consisting of all the uniformed organizations of the city





If Morristown, with the children of the public schools, accompanied by bands and martial music, escorted the Association and the orator to the site of the old fort, past houses and business buildings, lavishly but appropriately decorated with bunting, flags, and mottoes. Throughout the entire city a half-holiday was by unanimous consent strictly observed.

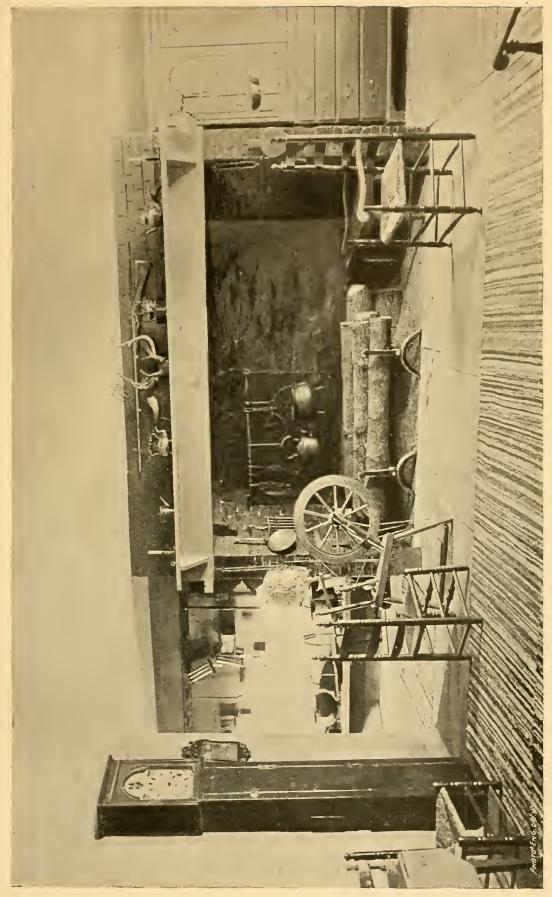
The register for the year ending June 21, 1890, shows that over nine thousand visitors had been at the Headquarters during the preceding twelve months.

It is impossible to mention here any considerable portion of the valuable relics which have become the property of the Association. The following are some of the principal ones: Besides the articles of furniture used by Washington, and which were obtained with the house, there is, first of all, the original commission of Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Continental forces, the gift of Ferdinand J. Dreer, Esq., of Philadelphia, who also presented two order books: one of Captain Nathaniel Webb, of the Connecticut Division, extending from September 23, 1778, to January 23, 1780, containing General Steuben's "Instructions for Manœuvering the Troops"; the other of an officer of the Pennsylvania Line, extending from February 10, 1780, to April 29, 1780; the suit of clothes owned by Washington and worn by him on the day of his first inauguration as President of the United States, with a silver-hilted dress sword and buckles worn with it; a large punch bowl, presented by General Washington to an ancestor of Colonel Cadwalader J. Pride, and a pair of vases presented to the same person by General Lafayette; a handsome portrait of Alexander Hamilton; a unique marble bust of Washington, by Houdon; full-sized copies in oil of Woolaston's Martha Dandridge and C. W. Peale's Washington; a chair from the library at Mount Vernon; a gun made in Oueen Anne's time and captured with a British vessel by

a party of Jerseymen at Perth Amboy; "Old Nat," gun presented to Captain Nathaniel Camp by General Washington for the defense of Newark; "The Crown Prince," a gun captured from the British at Springfield, and afterward used as a signal gun; two of the brass cannon surrendered by Burgoyne; a number of British muskets captured in the battle of Trenton, together with muskets, swords, and uniforms of both Continental and Hessian troops; the silk Masonic sash or baldrick worn by Washington and presented by him to Judge Gunning Bedford, of Delaware; a number of articles of china and glassware, formerly part of the table furniture of Washington, and bought at the recent sale in Philadelphia, made by the administrators of Mrs. Lorenzo Lewis; the plan and papers relating to the proposed capture of Prince William, with the journal of General Matthias Ogden in the expedition against Quebec; the original letter-book kept by the agents of Lord Stirling at his furnace at Hibernia during the war; antique furniture, sideboard, knife boxes, tables and chairs, of the Revolutionary period.

There are many autograph letters of Washington and his contemporaries, among which is one of the few autograph letters of Martha Washington, and a large collection of letters, documents, and engraved portraits of Revolutionary heroes in separate cases, and designated as "The Roberts Collection," presented by Mrs. Jonathan W. Roberts. In the kitchen is a large number of old-time utensils, and in the hall adjoining cases, filled with rare old china.

A brief history of the title of the property owned by the Association is not out of place. Colonel Jacob Ford, senior — prominent as a merchant, iron manufacturer, and land-owner, who was president judge of the County Court from the formation of the county in 1740 until his death in 1777, and who presided over the meeting June 27, 1774, which appointed the first "Committee of Corre-





spondence"—conveyed the tract of 200 acres surrounding the house to his son, Jacob Ford, junior, March 24, 1762. In 1768 he conveyed to him the Mount Hope mines and meadows where the son built the stone mansion still standing. In 1773 Jacob Ford, junior, rented this Mount Hope property for fifty years to John Jacob Faesch and David Wrisberg, and these men proceeded to build the furnace afterward useful to the patriot army in supplying it with cannon and cannon-balls. Colonel Jacob Ford, junior, after making this lease returned to Morristown, and, probably with his father's aid, began at once the erection of these Headquarters, and had just completed the building when the war broke out. He was made Colonel of the Eastern Battalion of the Morris County Militia, and was detailed to cover Washington's retreat across New Jersey in the "mud rounds" of 1776 — a service accomplished with honor and success. In this or in similar service, Colonel Ford contracted pneumonia, of which he died January 10, 1777, and was buried with military honors by order of Washington. He left a widow, Theodosia Ford, and five young children. was the daughter of Rev. Timothy Johnes, whose pastorate of the First Church extended from 1742 to 1794, and who is said to have administered the communion to This lady in 1779-80 offered to Washing-Washington. ton the hospitality of her house, and here was his Headquarters from about December 1, 1779, to June, 1780. 1805 Judge Gabriel H. Ford, one of the sons of Colonel Jacob, purchased his brothers' and sister's interest in the property, and made it his home until his death in 1849. By his will dated January 27, 1848, Gabriel H. Ford devised this his homestead to his son, Henry A. Ford, who continued to occupy it until his death, which occurred April 22, 1872. From the heirs of Henry A. Ford title was derived to the four gentlemen who organized the Association, as has been stated.

In 1889, the Executive Committee were requested to devise a suitable badge for the Association, and adopted one which met with universal approval. The pin has in the center the crest of the State of New Jersey, with the initial letters of the Association on either side. The ribbon is the "Jersey blue," which was derived from the uniform of a body of Jersey troops during the Revolution—a blue coat with buckskin breeches—and both colors are embodied in the ribbon; the center being the blue, and





the borders Continental buff or buckskin. The medal is an ellipse, resting on an irregular square; on the obverse, the ellipse has a profile bust of Washington (after Houdon), surrounded by the title of the Association; on the square and partially covered by the ellipse is a laurel branch. On the reverse the ellipse bears an impression of the Headquarters, the trees being denuded of leaves; in the upper part of the square is the word "Morristown," and in the lower corners the dates "1779" and "1780."

It can be read "The Morristown Headquarters in the winter of 1779 and 1780." The design was the work of Mr. J. H. Whitehouse, the celebrated designer for Tiffany & Co., and the dies were cut by that firm under his personal supervision.

On February 22, 1888, an informal meeting of the members of the Association was held at Headquarters, at which a paper upon Washington was read by Mr. J. C. Pumpelly, and one upon the life of General Doughty was read by Mr. Thomas W. Ogden. These papers were published by the Association with a facsimile of the Washington Commission. It was resolved to continue these meetings, and on each succeeding Washington's Birthday the members have met and listened to papers, which have been published by the Association.

The order for the succession of the stock of deceased members, as permitted by the charter, was after careful consideration, at a meeting of the trustees, held Nov. 5, 1889, determined to be as follows:

First.—That when a shareholder shall assign his certificate of stock to his male descendant, and shall file that assignment with the Treasurer, then a record shall be made of the transfer, and the said descendant shall be deemed the successor of the former shareholder.

Second.— That when the executors or administrators of a deceased shareholder's estate shall assign the certificate of stock standing in the name of the deceased shareholder to that deceased shareholder's male descendant, and shall file that assignment with the Treasurer, and the said descendant having satisfied the Treasurer of his rightful claim within the required five years, then record shall be made of the transfer, and the said descendant will be deemed the successor of the late shareholder.

Third.—That in other cases than those above specified, record of assignment or transfer of certificates must be declined, and no exchange of certificates or division of shares can be made, provision for either not having been made by the constitution.

Fourth.—That these rules be in force until a court having jurisdiction shall otherwise direct.





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### CHARTER.

An Act to incorporate the Washington Association of New Jersey. Approved March 20, 1874.

Whereas, certain citizens of this State have purchased the property occupied by General George Washington during a portion of the Revolutionary War, located at Morristown, in this State, and known as the Washington Headquarters; and whereas it is the desire and purpose of said purchasers to place the property within the possession of an Association, whose purpose and duty will be to maintain it through future generations; sacred with its peculiar historic associations;

of the State of New Jersey, That Theodore F. Randolph, George A. Halsey, N. Norris Halsted, William Van Vleck Lidgerwood, Francis S. Lathrop, Amos Clark, Jr., George M. Robeson, Augustus W. Cutler, Jacob Vanatta, William Walter Phelps, George Danforth, Benjamin G. Clarke, George Richards, William L. King, Orestes Cleveland, Matthew Armstrong, Edward Bettle, J. Condit Smith, John H. Lidgerwood, Cortlandt Parker, and Charles S. Olden, together with such other persons as may hereafter be associated with them, be and are hereby created a body politic and corporate in fact and in law,

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by and under the name of the "Washington Association of New Jersey."

- 2. And be it enacted, That the capital stock of said Association shall be fifty thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and the persons named in the first section of this act are authorized to purchase, hold and convey real estate, and to open books of subscription and take and receive subscriptions to such capital stock, at such time or times, and in such manner as they shall deem proper, issuing to such subscribers certificates of the Association, which certificates shall state the number of shares subscribed and paid for by the holder of it, and shall bear the signatures of the president and treasurer of the Association, and the impress of a suitable seal, which the Association is hereby authorized to obtain and use.
- 3. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State of this State to place upon or attach to each certificate of the Washington Association the impress of the great seal of the State of New Jersey.
- 4. And be it enacted, That no certificate of stock issued by the Washington Association shall be assignable or transferable to any other person or persons than to a male descendant of a subscriber to the stock of this Association, and when no such descendant shall appear to make good his claim within five years after the death of a stockholder from whom he would have inherited, then the share or shares of stock thus unclaimed shall be deemed forfeited to the State and become its property.
- 5. And be it enacted, That upon due notice being given by a majority of incorporators of this Association, the stockholders shall meet at the Washington Headquarters

at Morristown, and thereupon elect a Board of Trustees of not less than six nor more than nine members, whose term of office shall be three years, but of the first board so elected one-third of their number shall have their term of office expire at the end of one year, and one-third shall have their term of office expire at the end of two years, and the remaining third at the end of three years, and the trustees shall hold their offices until their successors are elected, and said board shall in turn elect from their number a president and treasurer, whose duties, together with those of such other officers as the Board of Trustees may deem proper to appoint, shall be stated in the bylaws of the Association, which by-laws are hereby authorized to be fully made by the trustees of the Association.

- 6. And be it enacted, That the Board of Trustees may appoint persons with police powers to be exercised within the limits of the property of the Association; they may prevent the erection of any nuisance adjoining their property; they may receive donations of land, money, books, relics, and other articles of value or of interest, and execute receipts or other proper vouchers therefor; they may set aside for the use of the Historical Society of the State such portions of the building as may be necessary for their convenience at any time, and the property of the Association represented by the Board of Trustees shall at all times during the continuance of this Association be exempt from all taxes and assessments whatever.
- 7. And be it enacted, That so long as the building known as the Washington Headquarters shall be open to the public free of charge, at all proper times, and so long as it shall be held as an historical building, within which all the people of New Jersey may deposit articles of interest connected with the men and events of our Revolutionary struggle, the Treasurer of this State shall pay to the

president or treasurer of the Washington Association, on the first days of April and of November of each and every year, the sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, to be used by the trustees for the care, maintenance and perpetuation of the Headquarters, and the trustees shall render to the Governor of this State, on the first day of December, each year, an account of their expenditures made from the funds thus appropriated.

8. And be it enacted, That this act shall be deemed a public act, and shall take effect immediately.



### BY-LAWS.

#### I. NAME.

This organization shall be entitled "The Washington Association of New Jersey."

#### II. OBJECT.

The object of this Association is to carry into effect the aim and intention of the purchasers of the property known as the "Washington Headquarters," as follows:

- Ist. To maintain it through future generations as a memorial of George Washington, and also' commemorative of his associate officers, and the heroism and fortitude of the army with which they (the Continental troops) withstood the severe hardships and suffering of the winters of 1777, 1779-80, 1780-81, while encamped in and about Morristown.
- 2d. The collection and preservation of papers, documents, relics, and objects of interest connected with the Revolutionary War. No relic or memento of war other than that of the Revolution shall be placed on the property of the Association.

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3d. To raise a fund sufficient to carry out the above purposes, by the issue and sale of stock (to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, which sum shall constitute the capital stock of this Association).

Donations, bequests, and other contributions of value to the Association shall be acknowledged and given value to in such manner as the trustees may direct, with the assent of two-thirds of the stockholders at the annual meetings of the Society.

#### III. STOCK.

Certificates of stock shall be issued as provided for in the second and third sections of the act of incorporation of this Society, and shall be assignable or transferable in such manner only as is provided for in the fourth section of the act of incorporation.

#### IV. MANAGEMENT.

The officers shall be a president, two vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and nine trustees, an executive committee of not more than seven nor less than three members, all of whom shall be shareholders.

The president and vice-presidents shall be elected by the Board of Trustees from among their number. The president shall preside at the meetings of the Association, and shall have the general care and charge of the interests of the Association, and may convene its stockholders or its committees upon five days' written notice.

The first vice-president, or, in his absence, the second vice-president, shall discharge the duties of the president in case of his absence, or during a vacancy in his office; and they shall be elected to office in like manner as the president.

The secretary shall be elected by the trustees, and shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings, and act as custodian of the constitution and minutes; and he shall conduct the correspondence.

The treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Trustees, and shall collect, and, under their direction, shall disburse all funds; he shall, on the first days of April and November in each and every year, draw upon the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey for such sums as have been or may hereafter be appropriated by the State in aid of the Association. He shall deposit all moneys received by him as treasurer in the name of The Washington Association of New Jersey, in such bank or banks as may be selected by the Board of Trustees. He shall present to the trustees on the third Tuesday of December and on the third Tuesday of July, in each year, a statement of all moneys received from the State and from other sources, and the expenditure made of the same, and at the regular annual meeting of the stockholders an account of all moneys received and disbursed as treasurer. His books and accounts shall be at all times subject to examination by the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine stock-holders, whose terms of office shall continue three years, three of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting of the stockholders, to take the place of those trustees whose term of office has expired in accordance with Section 5 of act of incorporation.

The Executive Committee shall be selected by the Board of Trustees.

This committee shall direct and control the management and expenses of the Washington Association, audit accounts, engage and dismiss employees, and make an annual report to the Board of Trustees. They shall be charged with the collection of papers, relics, etc., con-

nected with Revolutionary history, and they shall make expenditure of such funds as the Board of Trustees may from time to time direct. All the powers conferred on the Executive Committee by the Board of Trustees are at all times subject to revision.

#### V. MEETINGS.

There shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders between the 15th days of June and July in each and every year, for the purpose of electing three trustees in the place of those whose terms of office expire, or to fill vacancies, as set forth in Section 5 of the act of incorporation, and transacting such other business as may come within their province. Extra meetings may be called at the request of holders of half the capital stock. Votes will be taken by the number of shares represented, which shall be in person or by a written proxy presented by a member of the Association.

There shall be a meeting of the Board of Trustees immediately after the annual meeting of the stockholders, for the purpose of electing from their number officers of the Association for the succeeding year, and they shall also meet on the first Tuesday in November in each year, for the purpose of transacting business.

Special meetings of the trustees may be called on a week's notice, at the request of three of the members of the Board.

Five of the trustees shall be sufficient to constitute a quorum at any meeting.

There shall be a monthly meeting of the Executive Committee on the last Wednesday of each month, for the purpose of transacting the business delegated to it.

Three members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee.

#### VI. MEMBERSHIP.

1st. No person shall become a member of this Association hereafter unless by the consent of a majority of the Board of Trustees.

2d. Honorary membership may be conferred on persons who have rendered special service to this Association.

#### VII. AMENDMENTS.

No resolution making any disposition, sale, lease, mortgage or gift of all or any of the real estate of this Association, acquired, or that may hereafter be acquired, shall be acted upon unless the same has been approved of by all the members of the Board of Trustees, and also by a majority vote of all the stockholders, which vote must be made by each shareholder in writing, accompanied by affidavit.

These by-laws can only be amended by a majority vote of all the shareholders — each share of stock counting one vote — such vote being taken at the next annual meeting of the stockholders after such amendment has been proposed, and each stockholder shall have a printed copy of the amendment proposed mailed to him at least six months before a vote by the stockholders can be taken upon the proposed amendment.



# WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF N. J.

JAN 1, 1891.

A Complete List of Original Subscribers to the Capital Stock of the Association, their Residence, and the Dates of Decease of Those who have Died.

† Stock transferred.

\* Deceased.

1874-1883 \* Theodore F. Randolph . . . Morris Co., N. J. 1883 WM. VAN VLECK LIDGERWOOD \* N. NORRIS HALSTED . . . . Essex Co., 1884 GEORGE A. HALSEY . . . . . THOS. F. RANDOLPH . . . . . Morris Co,, CARMAN F. RANDOLPH . . . GEORGE O. VANDERBILT . . . Mercer Co., MRS. FANNY F. RANDOLPH . . Morris Co., JOHN H. LIDGERWOOD . . . WILLIAM V. LIDGERWOOD . . JOHN LIDGERWOOD . . . . . \* HENRY C. MILFORD . . . . . Rio de Janeiro JAMES F. RANDOLPH . . . . Morris Co., N. J. FITZ JOHN PORTER . . . . . " \* MATTHEW ARMSTRONG . . . New York, 1887 ABRAM S. HEWITT . . . . . \* JOHN CONDIT SMITH . . . . Morris Co., N. J. 1883



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